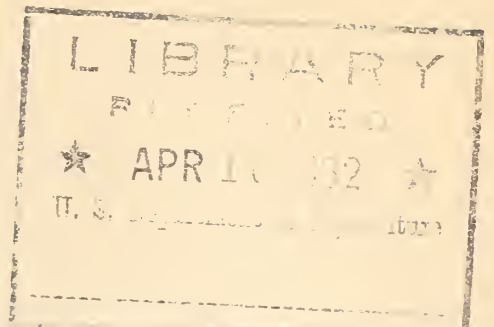


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For back-yard play in hot weather a little girl needs just two garments in addition to her socks and shoes: A dress, and an undergarment. In fact, if the undergarment is also a sun-suit, she needs no other clothes at all, until her mother wishes her to appear in the street or at the dinner table, or to be protected from cooling off too quickly when she comes into the house out of the hot sun. The panties of the sun-suit can match the over-dress, which, if designed to open like a coat, can be slipped on in a jiffy.

The self-help sun-suit worn by the little girl in the picture was planned by specialists of the Bureau of Home Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It consists of a romper with a net top, which buttons down the front, and a matching tailored dress, opening also in front, so that the little girl can dress herself without difficulty, and change from play togs to street dress very promptly. When she grows taller the tabs on the shoulders of the romper can be slipped back to give her greater length, by moving the buttons. Notice that the shoulder straps are wide enough to be comfortable but the bound neck and armholes are cut out to expose as much skin surface as possible to the beneficial sunshine. The romper is provided with a pocket for a hanky.

The dress is made with very short raglan style sleeves, wide at the edge. Fullness front and back is laid in inverted box pleats. These features and a deep hem allow for growth. There is no collar to roll up and make the child hot. Instead the neck and front edge have been finished with a strong neat trimming made by blanket stitch whipped with a thread of contrasting color.

